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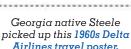
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Caroline couldn't resist the quirky charm of this fruit lamp.



Amy scored this vintage Coach handbag—just the right size for running errands.



Page bought this pennant pillow, a retro nod to her home state.



Lauren fell in love with this fur-trimmed vintage coat.







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Owen's cat Mila isn't shy when it comes to showing affection.



Allie's dog Gracie
Mae isn't picky
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naptime.



Doreen's dog Springsteen

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Don't forget to look for the horseshoe hidden in this issue. If you find it, go to country living.com/win and enter for a chance to win the pendant light on page 94. (Retail value: \$325)

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. Find the Horseshoe Contest May 2015. Sponsored by Hearst Communications, Inc. Beginning March 31, 2015 at 12:01 AM (ET) through May 12, 2015 at 11:59 PM (ET), go to www.countryliving.com/win on a computer or wireless device and complete and submit the entry form pursuant to the on-screen instructions. Readers will submit what page number they found the hidden horseshoe on and answer the question on the entry form in one hundred words or less, "How would you decorate a room around this pendant light?" Important Notice: You may be charged for visiting the mobile website in accordance with the terms of your service agreement with your carrier. One Winner will receive one Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights Cucina Pendant (ARV: \$325 each). Odds of winning will depend upon the total number of eligible entries received. Open to legal residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, who have reached the age of majority in their state or territory of residence at time of entry. Legal residents of Canada (excluding Quebec) who have reached the aforementioned age in their province of residence at time of entry are also eligible to enter. Void in Puerto Rico and where prohibited by law. Sweepstakes subject to complete official rules available at www.countryliving.com/win

The Irresistible Thrill of the Hunt!

IF YOUR HEART BEATS FASTER at the site of a yard sale, antiques shop, or bargain bin, then this issue—a celebration of great finds in all forms—is for you. First, because everyone loves a deal, we rounded up exclusive discounts for Country Living readers. You'll see them throughout the magazine, but don't miss "Deals by the Dozen" on page 14. Even the most obsessive online shopping devotees may learn something new in "How To Find Anything Online (Really!)" (page 45), where we challenged Decorating Editor Page Mullins to design a living room using only scores from eBay, Craigslist, and Etsy. If you have a soft spot for all things vintage, turn to page 58, where you'll find plenty of decorating inspiration in a North Carolina bungalow, or page 66, where you can feast your eyes on

colorful (and affordable!) collecting eye candy. Oh, and if you haven't already: Plan a trip to the ultimate hunting ground: the Country Living Fair, where 25,000+ like-minded shoppers convene in the name of a great find. (Go to country living.com/fair for more info.) See ya there!

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Rachel Hardage Barrett EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My favorite find this month? This charming baseball tee. (\$30; look human.com)



When reader (and CL Fair vendor) Gina Bishop told us she was looking to update her Ohio farmhouse, we had an idea: What if she handed over the makeover to our readers? She was game, and now you can vote on everything from paint to pillows! Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/countryliving) for a chance to weigh in, and look for the results in future issues.



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"We have been subscribing to Country Living for more than 30 years and have enjoyed watching our favorite magazine evolve and grow while still staying true to its roots. The March 2015 issue is colorful and inspiring and has us more than ready for spring. Keep up the great work!"

—Tim and Melissa McRae, Boaz, AL



Pets of the Month

What a trio! There are few things **Labrador retrievers** Rocky, Bentley, and Nola love more than running free on reader Barbara Hindman's family farm in Gasconade County, MO.



NICE WORK!

Reader Colleen Bennett of Johnson City, TN, recently shared her Country Living-inspired handiwork: "I love the magazine's new monthly cross-stitch patterns and, as you can see, they have sparked my own DIY jewelry project." Post your latest project on Instagram, and tag your photos #MYCOUNTRYLIVING





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"Reading 'The Collector's Guide To Jadeite' [page 21] brought back childhood memories of helping my now 91-year-old mother make Jell-O in a pretty green bowl. I showed her the article and asked if she remembered the dish-she did and we found it! Sure enough, it's an authentic 1950s Fire-King batter bowl! Thanks to your article, I am now in possession of this great find."

-Nancy Artese, Clayton, NJ



"Your March 'Spring Chicken' story [page 90] was so appealing to the eye that I started trying the recipes right away! I especially loved the Lemony Chicken and Dill Soup and immediately forwarded it along to my family and friends. Thank you so much for a great issue!" -Cindi Bissell, Yarmouth Port, MA

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A colorful look back at this all-American favorite.

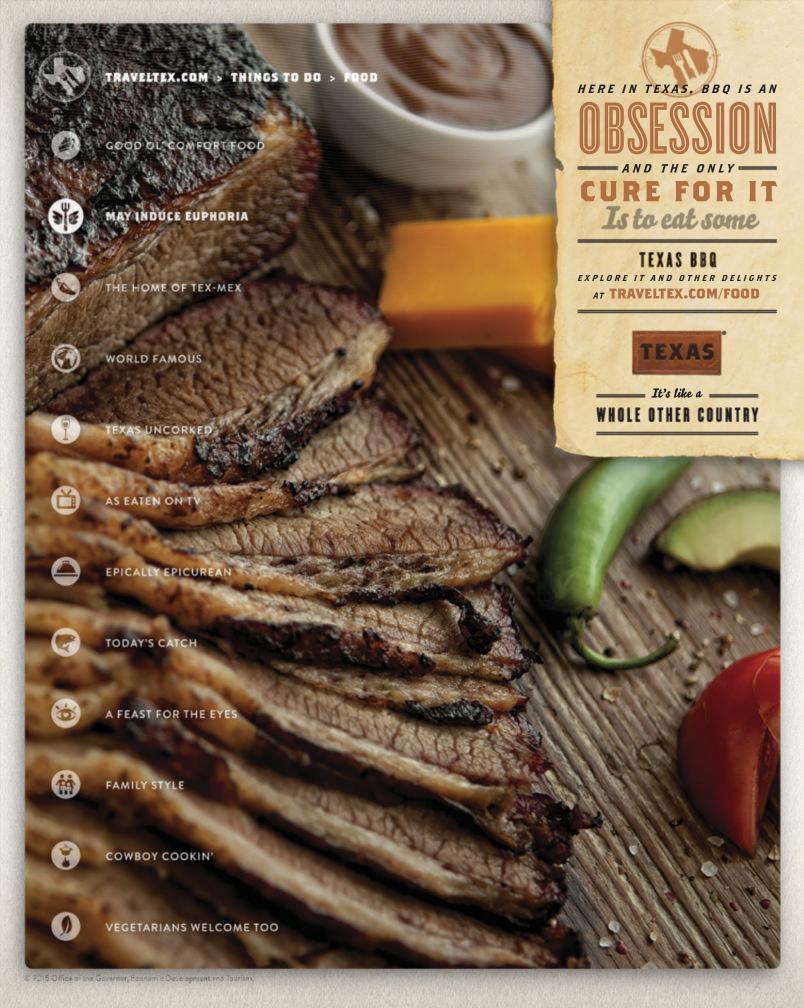


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1972 The "Snowflake," "Spring Blossom," and "Butterfly" patterns (shown top to bottom) are introduced. Colors begin to shift toward trending earth tones and the company begins to mark glass as microwave safe.

WHAT'S COOKING NOW!

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Order a signed copy of this book from Ann's independent bookshop, Parnassus Books (parnassusbooks.net).

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V HOLD YOUR **HORSES!**

This month's collecting obsession: equestrian needlepoints. We've been spotting the stately pieces everywhere, from estate sales to the Country Living Fairs. Now it's your turn. Share your finds with us on Instagram and tag photos

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Assistant Managing Editor Caitlin Miller is giving this mare to her mom, Ellen, for her birthday.



Deputy Editor Caroline McKenzie scored this sweet stool for her daughter Virginia's room.



Editor-in-chief Rachel Barrett jumped at the chance to purchase this striking horse and rider.

From the editors of the New York Times best seller 7 Years Younger

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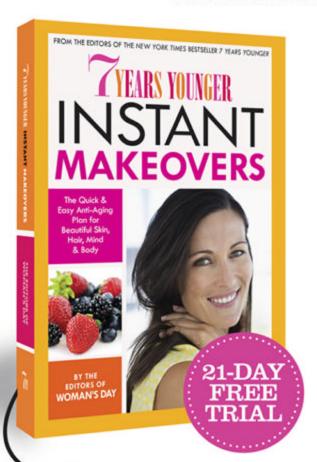
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A birch frame and indigo-dyed upholstery give this classic design a modern refresh. Bobbin Chair, \$500; pierl.com

B. NIGHTSTAND

Stash bedside necessities like tissues and books in the roomy bottom drawer. Night Stand, \$199; landofnod.com

*C. TOWEL BAR

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D. SIDE TABLE

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E. BOOKCASE

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DECOR MUST-HAVE

"I'm mad for plaid! I once did a library in five different tartans." Fabric, Tartan-Retro Skiing by Sef, from \$18/yard; spoonflower.com

SPRING **ESCAPE**

"All I need is a porch swing!" Blue **Swing,** \$215; overstock .com

FAVORITE PASTIME

"Baking! My daughter and I have perfected banana bread (the secret is chocolate chips!). Loaf Pan, \$36; williams-sonoma.com

WEEKEND UNIFORM "On sunny days, I live in breezy maxi dresses and flip-flops." Dress, \$102;

lauraashleyusa.com



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"Yard sales. When I see a sign, it's as if the car has a mind of its own and just takes me there."

COLLECTING OBSESSION

"Old paintings of dogs. I've purchased so many that I created a gallery wall." Framed Sheep Dog Print, \$70; art.com

BACKYARD ESSENTIAL

"A chilled bottle of rosé and my three rescue dogs Harry, Dandy, and Coco." Miraval Rosé, \$20; wine.com

"A vintage Louis Vuitton trunk. The initials painted on the side happen to be the same as my dad's." Travel Trunk, prices vary; rubylane.com



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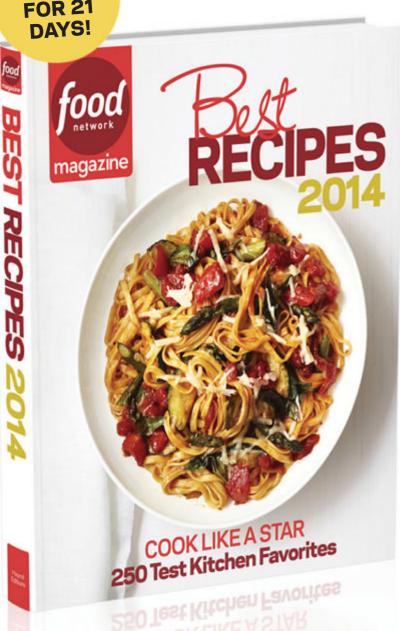


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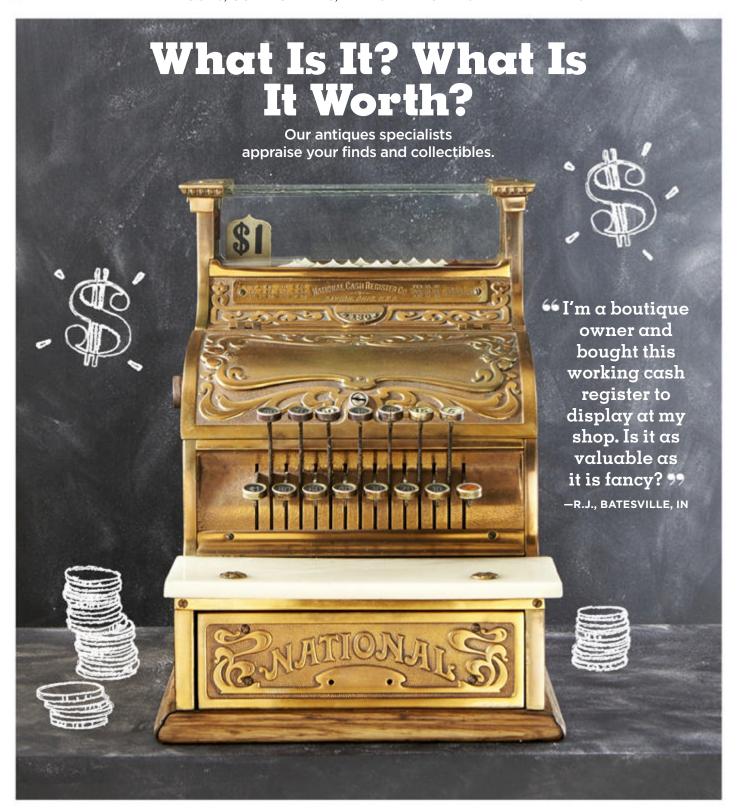
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ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, AND OTHER ONE-OF-A-KIND FINDS





WHAT IT IS: **NATIONAL CASH REGISTER**

The Dayton, Ohio-based National Cash Register company reliably stamped every one of its machines with a serial number, so this one can be dated precisely to 1904. With α scroll-patterned brass body and marble change shelf, this style is particularly coveted by collectors. It's missing the marquee (a fancy metal sign mounted across the top, often bearing the words "Amount Purchased" or the store name), but otherwise looks to be in perfect condition, says Marsha Dixey of Heritage Auctions.

WHAT IT'S WORTH: \$900



"My stepfather souped up his old Schwinn years ago, and it still rides great today. Can you tell me the model name?"

-L.T., GRAHAM, NC

WHAT IT IS:

MOTORIZED SCHWINN BICYCLE

Known as the Typhoon, this was a deluxe model put out by the bicycle company in the 1960s, explains appraiser Helaine Fendelman. Though still valuable, its significant modifications—the new gas engine, wheels, and handlebars—cut the estimate in half.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:



"I love the design of this sterling silver piece. Does it have a story?"

-D.K., FOSTER, RI

WHAT IT IS: **LOVING CUP**

This piece is a loving cup meant for sharing celebratory drinks at a wedding or banquet. The backstamp indicates it was made by Philadelphia silversmith Peter L. Krider for renowned retailer Shreve, Crump & Low. Dated 1899, it sports impressive horn handles that channel an end-of-the-century interest in hunting, says appraiser Helaine Fendelman.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:

GUESS THE WORTH

This month marks the 83rd anniversary of Amelia Earhart's groundbreaking transatlantic flight. A pair of her goggles sold at auction for: a) \$9,500 b) \$17,755 c) \$21,250

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GUESS THE WORTH

Mama, mia! One of the most famous American paintings, Whistler's Mother, has been valued at: a) \$450,500 b) \$7,599,000 c) \$30,000,000

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"I got this chair from a friend who was cleaning out her attic. How old is it?"

-C.S., ST. GERMAIN, WI

WHAT IT IS: **VICTORIAN SIDE** CHAIR

"This American lace style was popular after the Civil War in the 1870s and 1880s, when factories first started to mass-produce furniture," says Marsha Bemko of Antiques Roadshow, who consulted with appraiser Ronald Bourgeault. It was probably originally part of a full suite, which would have included a sofa and multiple chairs. Although it's in good condition, the piece is not particularly rare.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:

\$125





"What's the purpose of this little cap?"

-B.P., FLORENCE, KS

WHAT IT IS: JOCKEY CAP PIN **CUSHION**

This is actually a pin cushion stitched in the shape of a jockey's cap. "The fabric and silk cording appear to be from the 1940s," when horse-racing was especially popular, says Marsha Dixey of Heritage Auctions. While vintage sewing items are prized collectibles, older Victorian examples are worth a lot more.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:



"When I turn this contraption's crank, water appears to flow through the gristmill. What's the proper name for this item?

-P.N., PORT MACQUARIE. **AUSTRALIA**

WHAT IT IS:

19TH-CENTURY MAGIC LANTERN

Basic projectors, known as Magic Lanterns, captivated crowds as far back as the 1600s. "This example, a precursor to modern motion pictures, was produced around 1890," says Marsha Dixey of Heritage Auctions.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:

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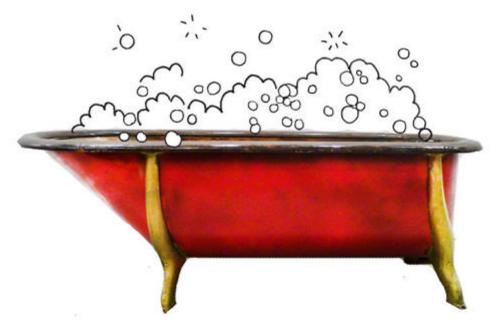


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"I purchased this tub for \$400 at an architectural salvage sale. It still holds water. Did I overpay?"

-J.R., WACO, TX

WHAT IT IS: STEEL-AND-COPPER BATHTUB

In the late 1800s, plumbing improvements prompted the use of new materials like steel (painted red and used on the outside of this one) and copper (used on the lining). Because this antique tub is water tight, it garners an estimate as handsome as its oak trim, explains Marsha Bemko of Antiques Roadshow, who consulted with appraiser John Nye.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:

\$2,200

"I bought this rug at an antiques shop in New Jersey. Is it a rare find?" -C.M., BIRMINGHAM, AL

WHAT IT IS: **HOOKED RUG**

In the early 1800s, enterprising Yankees created a cottage industry sewing fabric scraps into rag rugs. Hand-hooked versions (made by using a sailor's hook to pull scraps through a burlap backing) soon followed. This early-20thcentury hand-hooked wool runner is a close descendant of those New England predecessors, says antiques appraiser Helaine Fendelman.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:



"I bought this little cabinet from Craigslist. Where was it made?"

-E.M., SWAMPSCOTT, MA

WHAT IT IS: **DUTCH SPICE RACK**

"This style of kitchen accessories originated in the Netherlands in the early 1900s," says Marsh Bemko of Antiques Roadshow, who consulted with appraiser Karen Keane. The top compartment is labeled "EGGS" (in Dutch), and drawers below hold spices. The missing drawer hurts the value a bit.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:

\$150



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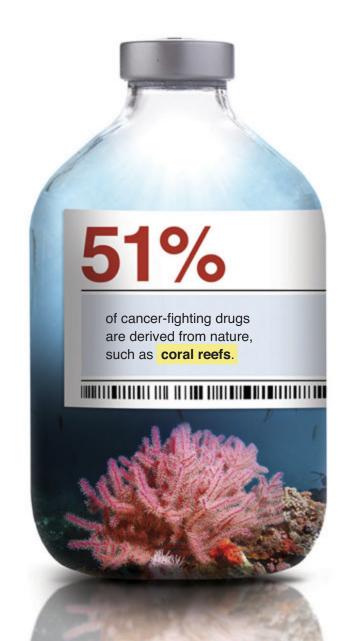
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FLORENCE, AL, HOME BY SHANNON WILLIAMS.

COUNTRY LISTINGS

These six homes showcase one of the most sought-after features in the United States: a white picket fence!



≺ COLUSA, CA \$369,000

Grand shade trees and a spacious sleeping porch make this 2,560-squarefoot Greek Revival a prime spot for taking in fiery California sunsets. Agent: Donna Phelan; interopride.com

MASHPEE, MA ➤ \$325,000

Built in 2000, this 1,708-squarefoot cottage boasts the charm of a historic Cape Cod-style home (complete with a cheerful red entry) with all the perks of a new build (hello, sun-drenched back deck!). Agent: Richard Leof; waypointrealtygrp.com



A BRADFORD, PA \$159,900

With 3,000 square feet of living space, this five-bedroom, 90-year-old home features original rosewood woodwork and a covered deck that's ideal for outdoor entertaining. Agent: Michael DePalma; pennlaurelrealty.com

GRANTS PASS, OR ➤ \$124,990

Up for a little white water adventure? This newly remodeled 1,146-square-foot retreat is minutes from the thrills of Oregon's legendary Rogue River. Agent: Chris Barnett; realtyexecutives.com



FLORENCE, AL > \$146,900

If the authentic craftsman architecture of this 2,800-square-foot bungalow doesn't get you, the onebedroom income property in the basement surely will. Agent: Mary Lord; coldwellbanker.com



A GUYTON, GA \$234,980

This 2,176-square-foot gem touts original pine floors and soaring ceilings, plus an in-ground pool and a pool house. Agent: Christine Durrence; christinedurrence.com



THE COLLECTING LIFE - By Mary Randolph Carter MY TOP

FINDS.

I am shocked, no, appalled really, to add up the years (almost 50!) I have been prowling, hunting, digging, exploring, hoping to find those one-of-a-kind treasures that make my heart beat faster. This month I'm sharing 10 favorites (where I found them and why I love them) from all of the renegade booty I now possess. Because everything I acquired has meaning I find this a nearly impossible

Underwood Typewriter

WHERE: A Brooklyn flea market in 2009

WHY: As a writer, I have a soft spot for these old word-making machines, and the way you slide the white paper in against the rubber roller, and the lovely clickety-clack as you go. Truthfully, I rarely use it, but I know when all else fails—it's there for me.



TIP: Vintage typewriters are heavy, and shipping costs can surpass the purchase price. Try filtering Etsy and eBay searches by location.

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2 Banner of Boy Scout Badges

WHERE: The Elephant's Trunk Country Flea Market in New Milford, Connecticut, for \$10 WHY: As a Girl Scout, I once had a sash full of badges, so it seems I'm always trying to replace them. When I saw this one I gulped, then grabbed it for my own. I love the simple beauty of the embroidered designs.



1 american Speller

WHERE: A silent auction at Hotchkiss Library in Sharon, Connecticut, last summer. I won! WHY: Because two of my chief loves are children's schoolbooks and the intrinsic beauty of the American flag, this slim copy of The American Speller was an instant must-have.



1 Hoot Owl Lamp

WHERE: During my family's annual "Nasty Christmas" game WHY: I have a thing for owls! There was something special about this one—his big glass eyes and the fact that someone had adapted him into a lamp, slightly incongruous knowing how owls hate light!



5 Wooden Toy Telephone

WHERE: A Gloucester, Virginia, flea market for \$2 about 35

WHY: In a photo of me, age 2, I am happily playing with one very similar. I remember how much fun it was to put your finger in the little circle and dial an imaginary number. "Ring! Ring! Hello! Are you there?"

Red Metal Dustpan

WHERE: Bottle Shop
Antiques in Salt Point,
New York, circa 1999
WHY: This humble piece
has the thinnest lip for
accepting the finest dust
off your floor. Not only
does it do the job better
than any I've ever owned,
but the design with the
little crimped edges is a
work of kitchen art!



Dutch The Bulldog

where: The Garage on West 26th in New York City why: A living, breathing Butch belonged to a neighbor in Richmond when I was growing up. That one ate Iollipops whole. Mine does not, nor does he have to be walked. He is the perfect pet.



"This kind of discovery is unlikely to happen more than once. That is what I love about the hunt-you never know!"

1 Elvis Doll

WHERE: At the West 25th Street Flea Market in New York City for \$1 in 1995 WHY: Just one of the many pieces I remember Elvis by. In seventh grade I was president of his fan club in my small Virginia hometown. I'll never forget the heartache when, in the back of a cab, I heard of his death years later.



TIP: For a Presley pricing guide, check out Presleyana VII (\$36; amazon.com). And take note: A 1974 "Peacock" jumpsuit sold at auction for \$300,000, making it the all-time priciest Elvis memorabilia.



1 Blue Chipped Shopping Cart

WHERE: Millerton Antiques Center in Millerton, New York, one year ago for \$100 WHY: Sometimes you spy something you love, but it's oversize and you hesitate. That's what I did when I ran across the most romantic metal (not plastic!) shopping cart painted my favorite blue and chipped to imperfection. I finally gave in and now fill it with old magazines.

TIP: Fill an old cart with blankets in a guest room, toys in a playroom, or stock it with cleaning supplies for a mobile cleaning unit. (Spray nozzles hang neatly over the edge.)

1 The Barn Painting

WHERE: A Copake, New York, auction 20 years ago
WHY: Imagine seeing a painting of your very own barn up for bid.
This kind of discovery is unlikely to happen more than once, but it happened to me and it is what I love about the hunt—you never know!"







home sweet home

NSPIRING IDEAS FOR IN AND AROUND THE HOUSE



Look **What We** Found!

This pretty, layered living room—which Page pulled together in less than two weeks!—proves one-of-a-kind style is just a click away.

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- BARGAIN PRINTS, \$14 EACH When you find a piece you like, ask the seller if he has other similar items. Turns out the seller of this landscape print (who sold Page the prints directly above and below as well) wanted to unload more than he'd listed.
- 2 VINTAGE WALLPAPER, \$16/ SHEET Another gallery wall tip: Make your own art with inexpensive Etsy items, like these wallpaper remnants. **OUR SOURCE**: hannahstreasures.etsy.com
- 3 CUSTOM SCONCE, \$195 Page had everything about this Etsy lamp—from the arm length to the cord color—completely customized to fit the space. OUR **SOURCE**: grazianimade.etsy.com
- 4 PATTERNED PILLOWS, FROM **\$12** For a high-end look without a high price, search Etsy for vendors who make pillows using leftover pieces of to-the-trade fabrics or antique rugs. OUR **SOURCES**: (from left, across sofa) Spark Modern, Fortuny 1, Decolic Kilim Pillows, Shop Block Print (Search shop name on etsy.com.)
- 5 TABLETOP ACCENTS, UNDER \$10 Scour Craigslist's community section for upcoming estate sales—they're the best place to score finishing touches, such as this brass box, on the cheap.
- 6 CHIPPENDALE CHAIR, \$375 With the largest number of reputable dealers, eBay is Page's go-to source for affordable antiques, like this armchair. OUR **SOURCE**: *ebay.com/usr/tadaaah*





- 7 FRAMED BOTANICALS, \$65-\$150 For an instant collection, seek out sellers who carry similar items, such as pressed leaves. **OUR SOURCE**: rayhay designs.etsy.com
- 8 COLORFUL LAMPSHADE, \$75 On Etsy, "custom" does not always mean "pricey." Page had this blue shade made for less than what a store-bought version would have cost. **OUR SOURCE**: lampshadedesigns.etsy.com
- 9 GINGER JAR LAMP, \$99 Up your odds of unearthing a good find by searching related words. Page came across this ginger jar lamp by searching "gourd," "ceramic," and "glazed." OUR **SOURCE**: ebay.com/usr/hueknow
- 10 CURVED BACK SOFA, \$75 Shop for the shape, not the fabric, because unsavory upholstery is easy to change. (Just confirm that the piece is from a non-smoking, pet-free home.)
- 11 TICKING STRIPE FABRIC, \$8/YARD Etsy sells large quantities of yardage. Just add "by the yard" to your search term. **OUR SOURCE**: material madness.etsy.com
- 12 OLD BOOKS, \$42 FOR 7 Scoop up a bundle at a bargain price by shopping bulk lots on eBay. **our source**: *ebay.com/usr/* jarosupply
- 13 PINE TRUNK, \$66 Craigslist sites in larger cities often have more can't-live-without pieces than smaller markets. Just ask the seller if they'll consider shipping. (Page had this trunk delivered via Greyhound.)
- 14 KILIM RUG, \$275 Don't forget eBay's "Buy It Now" option. You may pay more than you would in an auction, but you won't be outbid by another seller-worth it for items like rugs that must fit certain dimensions. **OUR SOURCE**: ebay.com/usr/ expertofcarpetandkilim
- 15 SPINDLE TABLE, \$35 Craigslist offers tons of deals, but most will require updates. At \$35 and needing just a coat of spray-paint, Page couldn't pass up this on-trend bargain beauty!

Shop 'em Smarter!

Consider this your cheat sheet for scoring bigger—and better—online deals.

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GOOD TO KNOW: eBay just launched Live Auctions, which lets buyers participate online in live sales held at auction houses across the country.

SMARTEST SEARCH TACTIC: Create "OR" searches by using parentheses around each word separated by commas. Example: (footstool, stool, ottoman, pouf) returns listings that contain any-not all-of the search terms in the title.

INSIDER TIP: To avoid paying high shipping costs for larger items, use eBay classifieds, a localized market that lists items from sellers close by.

BEST TECH TOOL: Don't miss out on any auction action with the eBay app, which notifies you when you're outbid, when an auction is about to end, and more.

BARGAINING ETIQUETTE: If an auction has expired without any bids, e-mail the seller to negotiate a price that works for your budget.

CRAIGSLIST

More than 80 million classified ads listed monthly, 60 million users across the U.S.

Bargains. Sellers are looking to unload on the quick (and can be less savvy), so the site holds more potential for scoring goods at a discount price.

Freebies! The local "free" section includes scrap wood, fixer-upper furniture, and even washer/dryers.

The site allows users to search by "owner" (instead of "dealer"), which filters results to just those listed by individuals, who are more likely to make a deal.

Misspellings are common on Craigslist, so include a few misspelled keywords in your search: Dinning table in addition to dining table, and chester drawers instead of chest of drawers, for example.

Most sellers want items taken off their hands ASAP, so beat out other buyers by using the magic words, "same-day pickup."

> After entering a search term, click "E-mail Alert" to have Craigslist e-mail you when related items are listed.

Skip the in-person awkwardness and negotiate before you meet the seller. Also, consider meeting the seller at a police station to ensure your safety.

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A set price structure is very important to the success of small businesses, so Etsy is not the place to bargain.



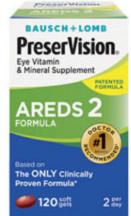
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Inside!

We used this photo of a shady dock to pull together floor-to-ceiling picks for an inviting SCREENED PORCH.

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ADIRONDACK CHAIR

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CEILING FAN

This galvanized metal fan is a cool substitute for summer breezes. Boardwalk Ceiling Fan, \$470; shadesoflight.com



ACCENT TABLE

The hand-woven top is anchored with sturdy wrought-iron legs. Willow Accent Table, \$140; pier1.com

BLUE PAINT

Palladian Blue, \$38/gallon;

HANGING LANTERN

It's like a little bonfire in a bottle. **Small Blue Glass** Lantern, \$8; kirklands.com





ASK A COUNTRY VET

Animal expert DR. TRICIA EARLEY answers your questions about battling pet boredom, choosing a chirpy companion, and more.



I recently adopted a cat whose previous owners allowed her to graze throughout the day. Any tips on transitioning to timed meals? Is that preferred? -L.C., JONESVILLE, VT

Allowing animals to graze is actually the ideal way for them to eat, as it aids in maintaining a steady blood sugar level and active metabolism. Some cats, however, will consume all you put in front of them in one sitting. For these pets, twice daily feedings are more appropriate. To make the switch, begin offering a small amount (about 1/3 cup for an adult cat) of food each morning. After 20 minutes, remove the food, even if it has not been eaten. Repeat this process in the evening. If your cat skipped her morning meal, chances are she'll be hungry and more willing to eat. Once she realizes food is not always available, she'll learn to take advantage of her new routine.



I worry my Labs, Pepper and Grits, are bored too often—particularly when I'm at work. What can I do to ensure they are content during the day? Is the TV an option? -M.T., DACULA, GA

imperative to a dog's health. If midday activity isn't realistic with your schedule, plan on starting the day with a brisk walk. Thirty minutes for large breeds like Labradors is a good target. This morning recreation will have Pepper and Grits primed for relaxing and napping while you are gone. Then, be sure to give them plenty of playtime in the evening. (My pups love Frisbee!) Finally, if you're tempted to leave on old reruns of Lassie, you're barking up the wrong tree. It provides no stimulative benefit for dogs or cats for that matter.

Proper stimulation and exercise is





I love fresh-cut flowers, but my cat, Beatrice, never fails to destroy them. Can I train her to have mercy on my blooms? -s.h., ALBERTVILLE, AL

Because curious cats learn about objects by putting them in their mouths, you'll want to be sure your arrangements are free of dangerous flowers, such as lilies, chrysanthemums, and tulips. (For a full list of poisonous plants, visit aspca.com.) To make her interaction an unpleasant but safe one, spritz flowers with a deterrent spray like Grannick's Bitter Apple, available at most pet stores.



Do certain species of birds bond more easily with humans? -J.C., OLYMPIA, WA

There are factors beyond breed to consider with the human/avian bond. Like

a marriage, the more you put into the relationship, the more you'll get back. Birds are social creatures that need daily interaction. This includes giving them plenty of time spent outside their enclosures, as well as actual physical touch (gentle scratching on the tops of their heads will do the trick). That said, budgerigars (common parakeets) are great first birds. If you get a young one and handle it often, it can be an extremely affectionate companion. Just make sure you purchase from a reputable breeder that has hand-raised the birds, as they are more likely to be comfortable with human handling.



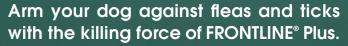
My 12-year-old son wants a pet python. I'm open to a reptile but can't stand the thought of a snake in my home. Help! -J.J., BEL AIR, MD

Reptiles are high on kids' "cool" lists. but I don't blame you for not loving the idea. A leopard gecko is a great reptile choice. Not only do they have a unique look (making them extra cool), but they also require little maintenance. Because they grow to be 8 inches long, they can live their entire lives (15 to 20 years with proper care) in a 20-gallon tank.



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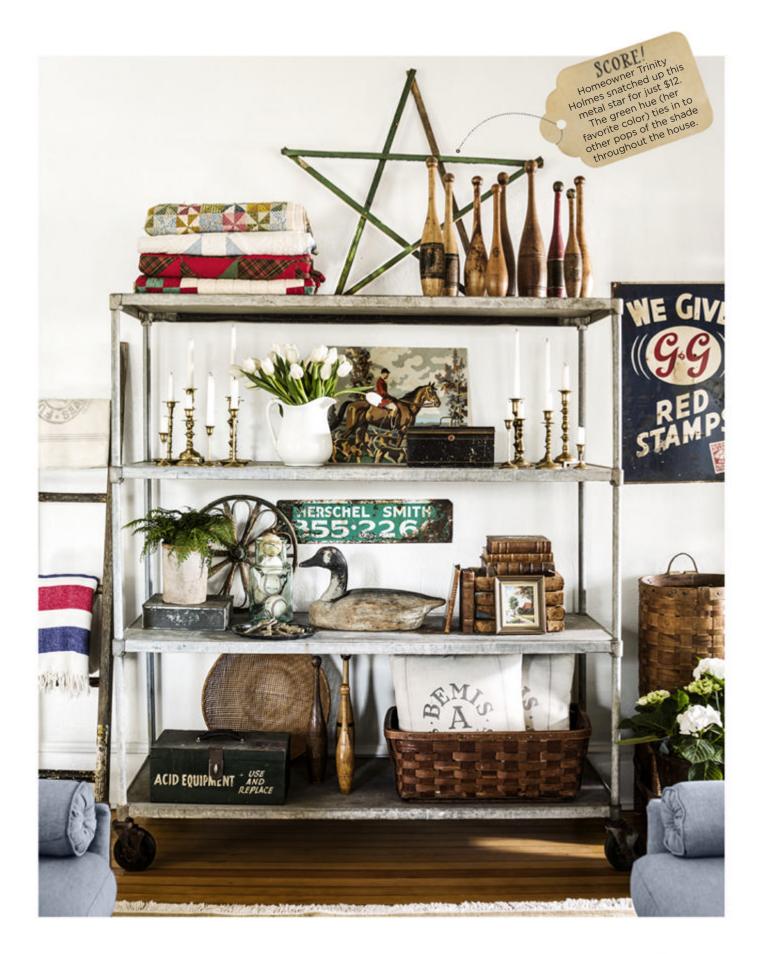


The More. The More. The Merrier

The only thing better than a truly great buy? Dozens (upon dozens) of them! At this North Carolina bungalow, all kinds of vintage collections—from antique textiles to retro sports gearmake for one happy hunting ground.

> WRITTEN BY SARAH LATTA PHOTOGRAPHS BY HELEN NORMAN STYLING BY FRANCES BAILEY

> > SCORE. Check wallpaper (\$32) double roll that covers 56 square feet, all4wallswall paper.com) makes a graphic statement in a previously overlooked kitchen alcove.





Blame it on the nesting instinct—times a thousand! When she was expecting her second child, something came over Trinity Holmes. "I decided our house had to have more character—I wanted our home to feel INVITING AND COLLECTED." Shortly thereafter, she went to an antiques sale in nearby Raleigh, North Carolina, and got hooked. Today, her 1934 FARMHOUSE is CHOCK-FULL of vintage curiosities, gathered everywhere from flea markets to the internet to her friends' backyards. "There's something so comforting about surrounding yourself with worn items that were LOVED IN A PREVIOUS LIFE," says Trinity. From the front door to the recently renovated bath, here's how she amped up the CHARM in every nook and cranny.

MEET THE HOLMES FAMILY!

From left to right: Jason, Tatum (11), Trinity, Knox (1), and Eli (6)

1. VINTAGE WICKER

Trinity spray-painted the piece, a hand-me-down freebie from a friend, navy blue to match the house's inky shutters.

2. ANTIQUE QUILTS

If Trinity comes across one for less than \$25, she snatches it up—no questions asked. "Quilts with holes don't bother me. I just fold them! People forget that's a beautiful way to display them," she says.

3. INDIAN CLUBS

Trinity loves the sculptural look of old bowling pins, but online searches turned up nothing that fit her style. She eventually learned that what she was looking for were actually "Indian clubs," a form of 19th-century weights. "Once I figured out the name, I went nuts," she says. "I found them everywhere!"

4. ORIGINAL DOOR

Trinity didn't have to look far to unearth the perfect front door: She found the home's original one hiding in the barn. After stripping off 10 layers of paint and staining it Golden Oak by Minwax, it's better than new.

5. SALVAGED SOFAS

This midcentury pair cost a mere \$100 on Craigslist. An upholsterer replaced the dated floral pattern with a soft, affordable blue Oxford cloth (\$7/ yard; onlinefabricstore.net).







6. ORCHARD **LADDER**

"I'm a big fan of bringing outdoor pieces inside," says Trinity. This rough-hewn item was once used at an apple orchard but now offers up a quaint spot to store extra blankets in her son Knox's nursery.

7. PAINT-BY-**NUMBER ART**

Retro, charming, and easy to find (a quick Etsy search will yield more than 7,000 results), this 1950s artwork is Trinity's go-to for instant wall interest.

8. VINTAGE **SCOOTER**

This weathered red one inspired the palette for Knox's room. "I love decor that also has a function. It won't be long before he can take it for a spin."

9. ANTIQUE GAMES

"Think beyond frames and mirrors!" says Trinity, who adorned the walls of her sons' bedrooms with an old-fashioned Chinese checkerboard (below) and rackets and mallets (right).

10. BLANKET **UPHOLSTERY**

Trinity brought this wicker rocker back to life by spraypainting the frame hunter green and recovering the cushions with a vibrant vintage Hudson Bay throw.

11. ONE-OF-A-KIND **FIXTURES**

Trinity's husband, Jason, made the vanity with \$200 worth of supplies (concrete mix, lumber, and steel piping). An antique mirror, old first aid box, and bamboo purse handlesturned-towel rings give the space a collected feel.









"Where'd

Homeowner Trinity Holmes shares her secret decorating sources.

86 HOME

"Tons of furniture sorted by styles like 'English Study' and 'Primitive Farm.' " 86home.etsy.com

Hunt & Gather

"The ultimate spot for unique wares, like my living room chandelier.' huntandgather raleigh.com

TRIBUTE 212

"Rustic accessories like license plates and coffee tins." tribute212.etsy.com

HOMEGOODS

"My go-to for linens—everything from throw pillows to duvet covers." homegoods.com

12. PAINTED LAMP

Trinity fell for this too-expensive Italian handpainted lamp at a local shop. When the price came down to \$65 for a pair, she snatched up both of them.

13. WOVEN TRUNK

This wicker locker, which stores extra glasses in the bar area, is a bonus Trinity scored because she bought so many other items from the local seller.

14. VINTAGE BREAD BOX

Old, chipped, and undeniably sweet, the vintage piece is the first item Trinity ever purchased on Etsy. It sparked her hobby of online antiquing.

15. ANTIQUE FARM TABLE

Trinity unloaded this 100-yearold table from a friend for several hundred dollars. Only

5 feet long, it's an ideal fit for the pass-through dining room.

16. RATTAN DINING CHAIRS

Some of the few new items purchased, these chairs proved sturdier than vintage versions. To add pattern and durability, Trinity recovered the cushions in a speckled oilcloth.

17. EBONY BUFFET

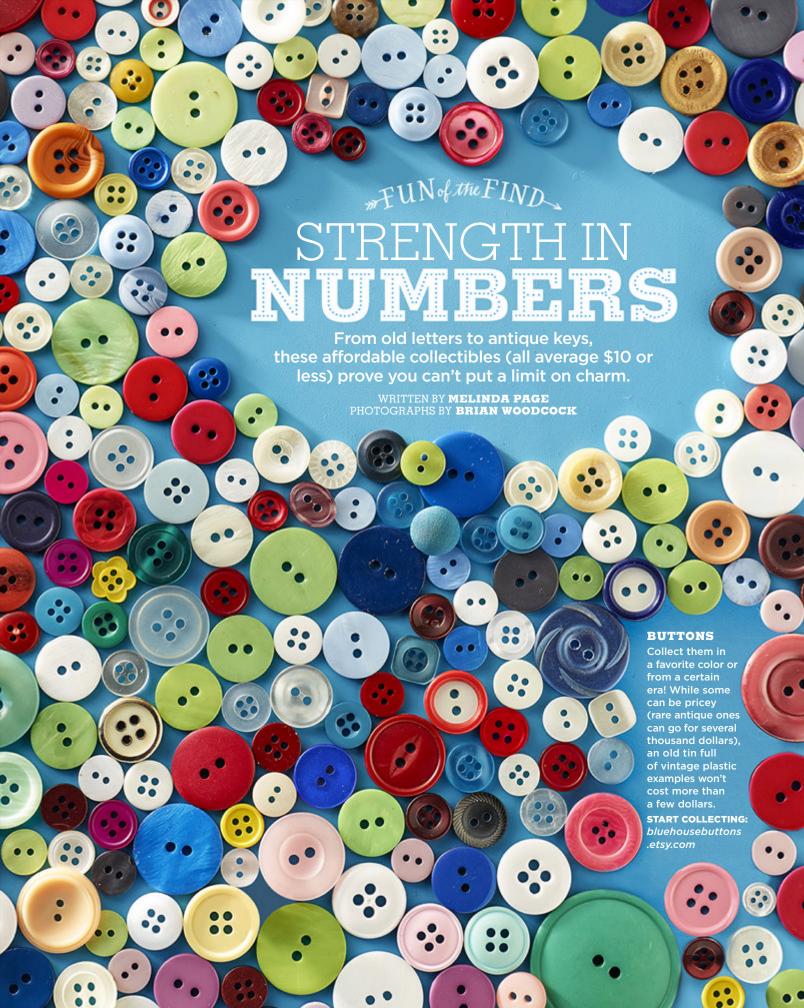
This impressive piece—Trinity's first-ever antique purchasecame repainted and refurbished for only \$150.

18. PLANKED WALLS

Trinity hoarded shipping palettes from her husband's radiator business to create the planked walls in the dining room. A creamy white paint gave the rustic material a fresh finish.

















BINGO CARDS

Bingo swept the U.S. in the 1930s and became a favorite for fund-raisers and Saturday night gatherings. Today, you can snap up cards for as little as 50 cents. For a sentimental touch, look for ones with the numerals of birth dates and anniversaries and circle them before displaying.

START COLLECTING: divine orders.etsy.com

JUICE GLASSES

Vintage ones are typically tiny (just 4 to 5 ounces) and adorned with happy prints. Most retail for around \$1. But Swanky Swigs (such as the red bird glass above), which were given away free with Kraft products from 1933 to 1958, now fetch \$4 to \$10 each.

START COLLECTING: glass menagerie.com

EQUESTRIAN RIBBONS

Prizes from big-time races can fetch \$60 or more. Less noteworthy, just-as-handsome ribbons go for \$5 to \$10 a pop. Expect older versions (1940s and prior) to be made of luxe fabrics like silk or taffeta.

START COLLECTING: southporch antiques.com for information

MILK BOTTLE CAPS

Pre-1950s glass milk bottles were topped with paper discs bearing dairy logos. Unused cappers deliver retro appeal usually for less than \$1. Specimens with public service announcements ("Buy War Bonds," for example) can cost up to five times that amount.

START COLLECTING: zoeamaris .etsy.com











BB GUN TARGETS

From the 1930s to the 1950s Sears, Roebuck & Co. sold packs of paper targets under their J.C. Higgins brand. Black-and-white bull's-eyes abound, but critters, like the ones shown here, are more sought after and score \$8 to \$10 each.

START COLLECTING: esnarf.com

LEVER KEYS

Flat levered keys were used for doors in the U.S. through the 1940s. Now, they retail for \$1 each. Large brass versions with fancy bows (the part you turn) and bits (the part that fits into the lock) can cost \$10. Tip: When shopping online, also try the search term "skeleton key."

START COLLECTING: antique keys.net

HANDKERCHIEFS

A fashion statement in the 1930s (often the only new item a woman could afford), handkerchiefs remained popular until the 1950s, when Kleenex took off. Today, you can find them for as little as \$1. Those made by a noted designer like Tammis Keefe are valued at \$10.

START COLLECTING: Trousseau Fine Vintage Linen; 561-832-9696

SEWING PINS

In the 1950s, when home sewing was still frequent, pins were gussied up with whimsical toppers. At only 1 1/2 inches tall, they're irresistibly dainty. Look for rare glass heads to be priced at \$6, while metal ones (see above) will average \$2 for a set of six.

START COLLECTING: thethinveil .etsv.com























An all-American invention, matchbooks lit up the scene in the late 1800s, and companies have been giving them away ever since. (Their brightest moment was in the 1950s.) It's hard to get more vintage bang for your buck because they sell for a dime or less. The prize is in the package designdon't shy away from ones without matches.

START COLLECTING: erichajansen.etsy



























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Better With Age

You never know what a little sibling rivalry might inspire. As a child, Coley Arnold shopped GARAGE SALES with her parents and brother every weekend; whoever came home with the best find for a quarter won a prize. "I think that's when my love for old and rusty things started," says Coley, who now runs Junk in the Trunk, an ANTIQUES POP-UP MARKET in Scottsdale, Arizona. (The spring show is May 2-3.) Her own collection of one-of-a-kind items with **RUSTIC CHARM** gets top billing in her ranch house, which she and husband Justin remodeled themselves. "The house needed updates, but we still wanted it to have all the CHARACTER OF AN OLD HOUSE," says Coley. So they brought in statement-making pieces, from family heirlooms to throwback fixtures, to give each room **INSTANT PATINA**. They even got a little help from their three boys, who each get a dollar (yes, the price has gone up) to shop for finds on family thrifting outings. "That kind of a TREASURE HUNT never gets old," says Coley. Here's how she filled her home with vintage appeal, one great find at a time.

WRITTEN BY MEGAN KAPLAN 🕴 PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID TSAY 🦸 STYLING BY HEATHER BULLARD











THE KITCHEN

THE FIND A wood and metal military desk-turned-prep island (\$650) that Coley bought from one of her market vendors

HOW IT MAKES THE ROOM

The weathered wood top and rusty green base give Coley's all-white, freshly renovated kitchen more personality. "New spaces need a little old soul," says Coley. "I love to think about its previous life, where it's been, and what it meant to someone." Barnwood shelves pick up the warmth of the island's counter, while brass pendants (from an old ice-cream parlor) echo the towel bar's shine.

LIVING ROOM

THE FIND A hand-medown (free!) buffet that Coley updated with a coat of dark gray chalk paint

HOW IT MAKES THE ROOM

The piece's original cherry finish felt a little formal for Coley's taste. With the matte chalk paint ("It's like instant age and character!"), the item took on a more casual look that set the tone for equally laidback vintage pieces, from the leather luggage (that stores extra blankets) to the coffee table made from an antique mission door. A midcentury turquoise sofa adds a splash of happy color.







"Where'd You Find That?"

Homeowner Coley Arnold shares her secret decorating sources.

EVERYTHING GOES

"It's like a well-edited thrift shop, stocked with great one-of-a-kind finds at even better prices." www.every thinggoesaz.com

MODERN MANOR

"My go-to shop for midcentury furniture, like our living room sofa." modernmanor store.com

BIG SHIP SALVAGE

"They stock authentic nautical lighting like the fixtures in my boys' room." stores.ebay.com/ big-ship-salvage

WEST ELM

"Their rugs are inspired by old styles but cost way less than most antiques." westelm.com

THE MASTER BEDROOM

THE FIND A 1950s brass Hollywood Regency headboard (\$150) that Coley picked up at a local antiques store after six months of searching. (Vintage king-size headboards are hard to come by.)

HOW IT MAKES THE ROOM

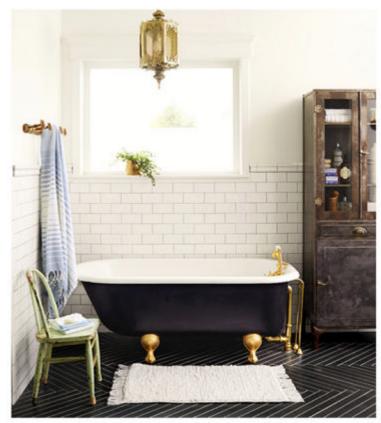
Its brass finish inspired the room's other golden accents, from the nightstands' campaign details to the 1960s tufted yellow bench. Lavender and indigo textiles round out the mix.

THE MASTER BATHROOM >>>

THE FIND A 1920s clawfoot tub (\$200) that Coley found on Craigslist. She had the inside resurfaced for \$125. painted the outside black, and added polished brass fixtures.

HOW IT MAKES THE ROOM

With its classic design and modern updates, the tub inspired the room's old-meets-new mix. Black porcelain floor tile, laid in a herringbone pattern, adds an unexpected edge. A chippy green chair, an antique Moroccan lantern, and a storage cabinet salvaged from an aircraft carrier offset the sleek surfaces with a little patina.





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SECRETS FROM AN AMERICAN PICKER



MEET THE WOLFE PACK! Left to right: Mike, Jodi, and Charlie (3)

As the co-host of American Pickers on the HISTORY channel, MIKE WOLFE has made a living doing what he loves most: FOLLOWING DIRT ROADS through sleepy towns across America in search of cobweb-covered **GEMS FROM BYGONE ERAS.** For Mike, these finds aren't things; they're stories. Some he sells at his shop, ANTIQUE ARCHAEOLOGY (with locations in Nashville and LeClaire, Iowa), a few he sets aside for design clients, and many find their way to his Leiper's Fork, Tennessee, home, where every room is filled with COUNTRY CHARACTER. Here, he shares his best tricks for scoring good finds and working them into your decor.

INTERVIEW BY BRADLEY NESBITT PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRIAN WOODCOCK



OLD BARNS HAVE THE ALL-TIME BEST PICKS...

"Like this light fixture, which came from an Ohio barn. I got my start as a picker by combing through farms for old bicycles. When the antiques dealers found out barns were my top source, they asked me to buy other items too."



...BUT OLD **FACTORIES ARE ALSO** COOL.

"My batteries get charged by looking at old things in new ways. Take these lockers from a factory. I imagine a worker clocking in: The last thing he wanted to see was this locker. Now I'm happy to see them when I come home. That's cool to me."

A LITTLE "OLD" GOES A LONG WAY. 🖈

"Most of the bathroom is new, so I brought in a vintage Stetson cowboy hat ad and displayed Jodi's hats on antique millinery stands to incorporate found objects. Just one layer of vintage accessories is all it takes to give a new room old soul."



LISTEN TO FATE.

"Before Charlie was born, I always had a thing for vintage kids' cowboy boots. I once found a pair, but I sold them and immediately regretted doing so. When Jodi was pregnant, I found a second pair. It felt like fate, so I started collecting them."



BUILD A ROOM AROUND A GREAT FIND.

"I've always loved old phones. When I found this one, I decided to turn this closet into a phone booth. I'm still on the search for the perfect phone. This one's vintage, but I want an even older one. Sometimes you have to wait for the right thing to come along."

TURN TRASH ¥

"These 1920s oilcans obviously aren't living in a space they were made for. You would've found them on the floor of a service station garage. Put them on a living room shelf with other auto memorabilia, though, and suddenly they take on prized-possession status."



LOOK FOR MULTIPLES.

"They can be really cool when done right. I like to display objects with similar textures, time periods, and genres for visual continuity. In my office, each shelf has a theme: bikes, motorcycles, aviation, and cars. It's easy to go overboard, though, so I like to stick to just one spot."





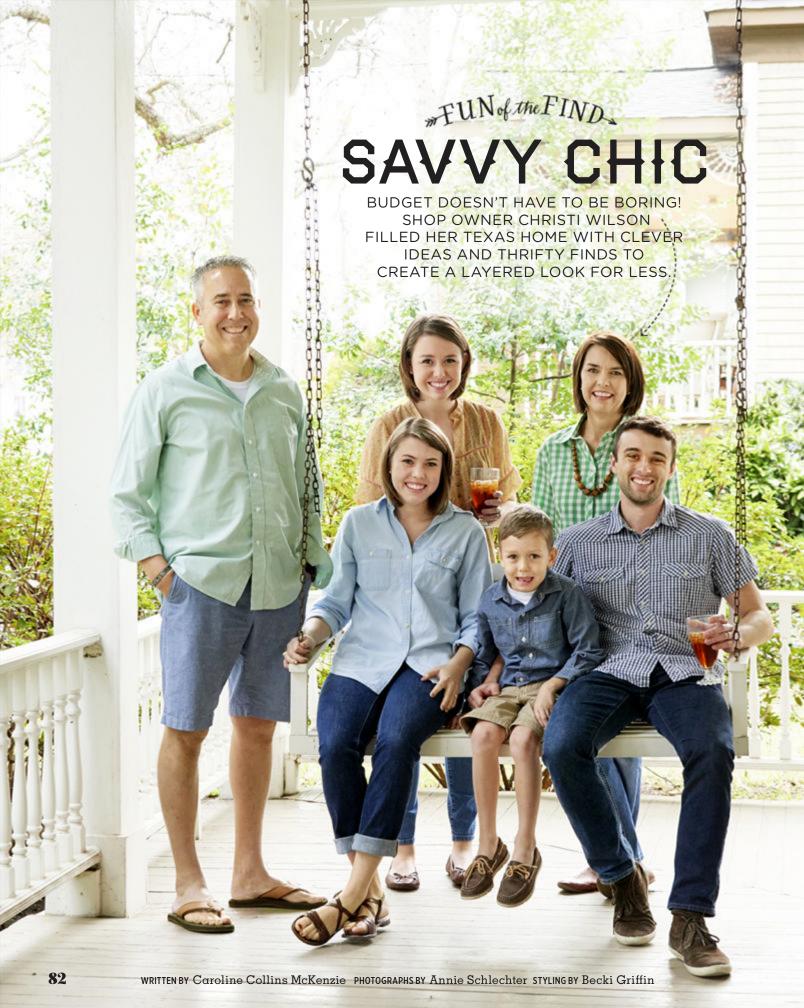




HIT THE BACK ROADS.

"Pennsylvania is my favorite state for picking. It's town after town and dirt road after dirt road. Plus, everything is so much older. That weather vane came out of an attic in a sixthgeneration-owned house. It blew off the barn in 1938. I've found my best picks by driving to the middle of nowhere, then taking the first gravel road I see."









BRING ON THE PAINT

Want big-impact change? Try a fresh coat of a neutral color. Christi brightened up the whole house by covering every last inch of the once-dingy millwork (including the front door) with Sherwin-Williams's Glass of Milk.

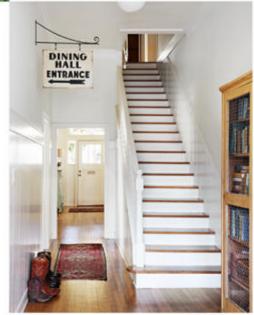
LEAVE FURNITURE AS-IS

Christi saves money and time by keeping her hands off the weathered furniture pieces (like the hallway cabinet, below, and a former school desk-turnedcoffee table, right) she finds at antiques shops and flea markets. "Patina that occurs organically is just prettier than the done-ina-day variety," she says.

THEME ARTWORK

A wall of thrift-store paintings of the same subject can have even more impact than a single, more expensive piece. Case in point: the floral-filled gallery wall in Christi's keeping room.

Christi Wilson wanted to live in the country. Her husband, Cliff, was not so sure. So when the couple found an HONEST-TO-GOODNESS FARMHOUSE in the heart of their Texas suburb, they decided it was the perfect compromise. After moving into the circa 1911 home, Christi set out to bring the drab space back to its ORIGINAL GLORY. A lifelong collector and owner of The Brown Shed, a local antiques store and Etsy shop (thebrownshed.etsy.com), she carried out her mission with SMART DECORATING TRICKS and affordable vintage pieces. Here, Christi shares her 10 best tactics for creating **DOWN-HOME CHARM** on a dime.







MIX AND MATCH **DINING FURNITURE**

A straight-from-the-store dining set would feel far too formal for Christi's down-home style. Instead, she purchased a roughhewn farm table, then collected antique bentwood chairs over time. Wicker chairs (one at each end of the table), buffalo check curtains, and a weathered hutch round out the come-as-you-are vibe. Best of all, Christi created the collected feel by spending a little here and there instead of on one big-ticket purchase.

SPLURGE IN **SMALL DOSES**

Christi's secret to getting a high-end look for less? Paying up for small quantities of expensive fabrics, like the block-printed pillows in the dining room and on the hallway bench (a former church pew, below). To offset that cost, she chose more affordable patterns, such as the buffalo check curtains in the dining room, for projects that required more yardage.





TRY A (WATERPROOF) WALLPAPER BACKSPLASH

A full-scale kitchen renovation is on the Wilsons' long-term to-do list. With that in mind, Christi opted for quick, affordable upgrades like a beadboard wallpaper backsplash that she won't mind undoing down the road. Made from a three-dimensional white foam (Double Roll Beadboard Paintable Wallpaper, \$25/56 square feet; homedepot.com), the waterresistant paper is inexpensive, easy to remove, and just as charming as the real deal.

ROLL OUT A RUG IN THE KITCHEN

We're not talking about a dinky mat under the sink. To camouflage the existing laminate flooring, Christi brought in an easy-to-clean, indoor/outdoor rug that stretches the expanse of the kitchen. Bonus: The quilt-like motif adds farmhouse character in keeping with the rest of the historic home.



KEEP WINDOW TREATMENTS MINIMAL

In the bedrooms (master, left; son's, below), forgoing custommade curtains in favor of store-bought sheer panels kept costs way down. "They make the house feel airy and bright, while adding just the right amount of privacy," Christi says.

LOOK FOR VINTAGE LIGHTS

Christi tops off each room with a showstopping antique fixture. Even with the cost of rewiring, they ring in for less than brand-new pendants and cast far more ambience.

TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Christi utilized the same style-for-a-steal strategies in the backyard chicken coop. A farmhouse sconce outside plus a thrift-store armchair and antique oil painting inside take it from hardworking to good-looking.

"WHERE'D YOU FIND THAT?"

Homeowner Christi Wilson shares her secret decorating sources.

WHISTLE STOP ANTIQUES

"I trek to this hole-in-the-wall shop in Giddings, Texas, for ironstone and garden decor. The only problem is having enough room to haul it all home!" shop whistlestop.com

HERMANN ANTIQUE MALL

"With more than 25 vendors daily, this Brenham, Texas, joint never disappoints. I always look for accessories like vintage signs and old-fashioned toys." hermann furniture.com

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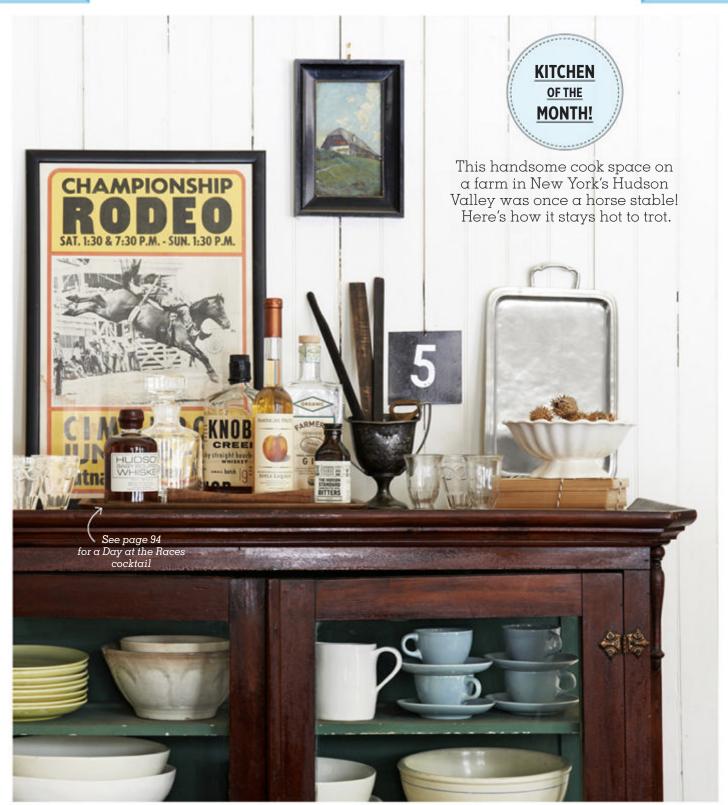


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EIGHT WAYS TO ADD **FARMHOUSE** STYLE

Architect Jeff Wilkinson and his wife, Nancy, put their kitchen back in the saddle again with reclaimed wood, antique furnishings, and vintage fixtures.

- 1 POTBELLIED STOVE Set on a stone slab (salvaged from elsewhere on the farm), this cast-iron, woodburning stove adds charm and, well, warmth. Stove: Encore FlexBurn: vermontcastings.com for more info
- 2 OAK BUILT-INS When a 150-yearold white oak tree fell on the property, Jeff decided to use the wood to make the cabinetry and shelves, giving new meaning to locally made goods.
- 3 TONGUE-AND-GROOVE PANELING The original walls and ceiling, constructed from interlocking wood planks to keep out insects and dust, needed only touch-up paint.
- 4 AGED BRONZE PENDANT To maintain an airy feel (and sight of his collections from across the room), Jeff hung a single fixture over the island. At 12 inches wide, it casts plenty of light.
- 5 VINTAGE RANGE With sleek retro details, four gas burners, a griddle, and double ovens, this 1950s Wedgewood (an eBay find, see inset photo) looks as good as it cooks.
- 6 ANTIQUE DOORS Two sets of mahogany French doors (the second set is shown on page 94) salvaged from an old apartment building in Paris bring in loads of natural light, not to mention old-world character.
- 7 STYLISH STORAGE On the island shelf, a pair of baskets and a vintage galvanized tack box make an attractive spot for stashing unsightly grocery totes and bulky bakeware.
- 8 BLUESTONE FLOORS Radiant heating keeps the tiles, which came from a New York quarry, warm to the touch. Bluestone: Classic Rock; johnstonandrhodes.com for more info







RIDING HIGH The Wilkinsons filled the 11-foot-tall built-in shelves with their prized collection of china platters and dinnerware, antique silver and pewter, and vintage duck decoys, many of which were made by Jeff's father. The hand-knotted wool rugs came from a local auction.



Lex Cocktail Glass, \$10; crateand barrel.com

TRY THE HOUSE COCKTAIL!

Jeff and Nancy swear by locally made Hudson Whiskey (hudsonwhiskey .com) for their go-to drink during horse-racing season. (The Derby is on May 2!)

DAY AT THE RACES

Combine 1 1/2 ounces **bourbon,** 1 ½ ounces apple liqueur, 1/2 ounce simple syrup, 2 dashes celery or Angostura bitters, and ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake vigorously. Serve over ice and garnish with a strip of lemon zest. Makes 1 cocktail.



GET THE LOOK

Step up your style with these striking finds.



Claret Area Rug \$105 for 7'8" x 10'7"; wayfair.com



Splatterware Pitcher from \$45: marchsf.com



Rodeo State Fair Print \$50 for 12" x 18"; art.com



Cucina Pendant in copper, \$325; bevolo.com



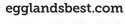
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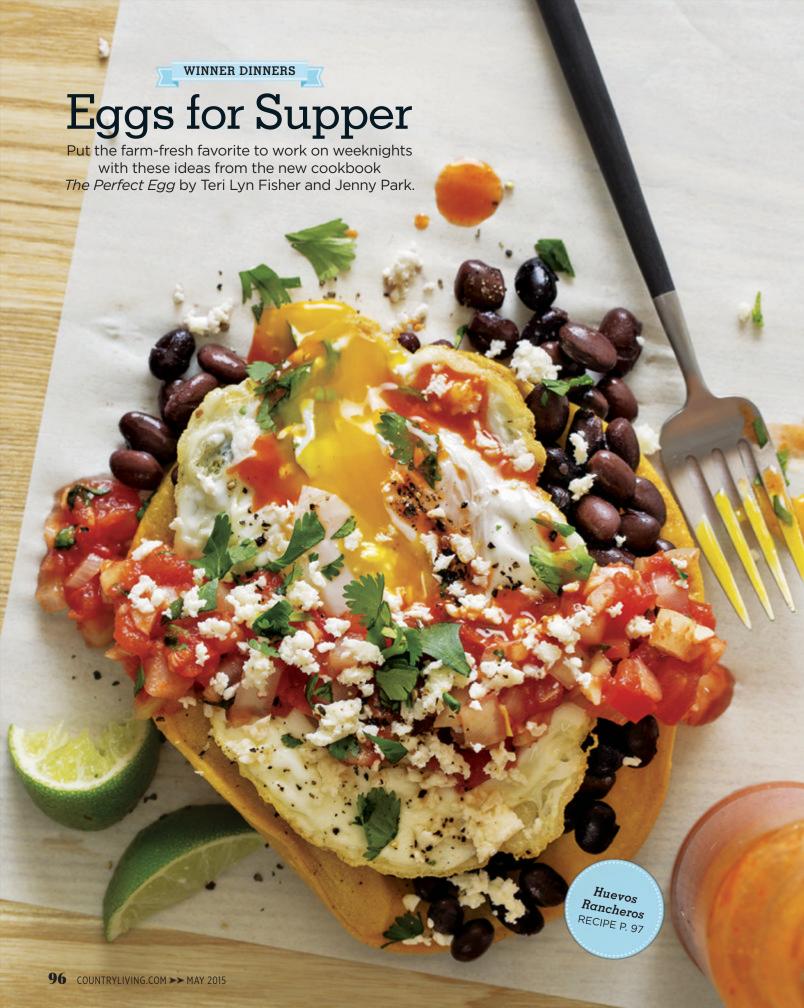








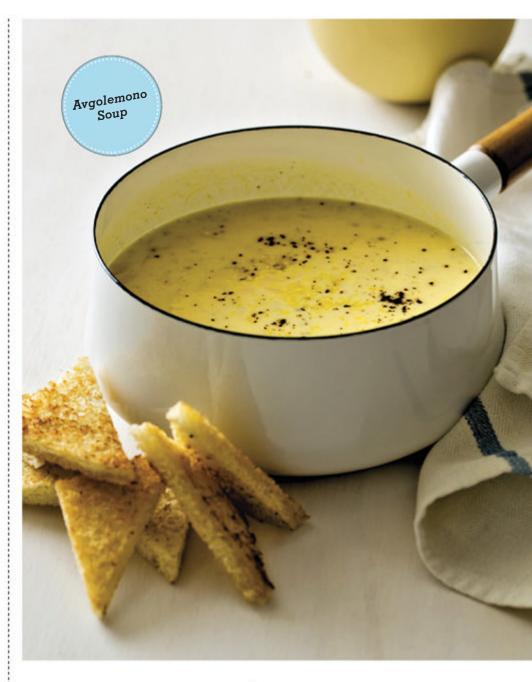




Huevos Rancheros

MAKES 4 servings **WORKING TIME 35 minutes TOTAL TIME 45 minutes**

- 1/3 cup tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon white wine vinegar Pinch superfine sugar
- 4 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1/2 small yellow onion, diced
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro, plus more for garnish Juice of 1 lime, plus 4 wedges for
 - servina Kosher salt and freshly ground
 - black pepper
 - Canola oil, for frying
- 4 (4- to 5-inch) corn tortillas
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups cooked black beans, warmed
- 1/4 cup crumbled Cotija cheese Hot sauce, for serving
- 1. Combine tomato sauce, vinegar, and sugar in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.
- 2. Combine tomatoes, onion, garlic. cilantro, and lime juice in a bowl. Add cooled tomato sauce and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper.
- 3. Heat 1 inch of oil in a small nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add one tortilla and fry until golden brown and crisp, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Season with salt. Repeat with remaining tortillas, adding more oil to the pan if needed.
- 4. Heat butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Crack two eggs into separate small bowls and then transfer, one at a time, to skillet and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Using a spatula, turn eggs, and cook 30 seconds for over-easy, 1 minute for over-medium, or 2 minutes for over-hard. Using a spatula, turn eggs and cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute more. Remove to a plate. Season with salt and pepper. Repeat with remaining two eggs.
- **5.** Top tortillas with beans, eggs, salsa, and cheese. Garnish with cilantro and serve with lime wedges and hot sauce.



Avgolemono Soup

MAKES 4 servings WORKING TIME 10 minutes TOTAL TIME 35 minutes

This thick-and-creamy soup is flecked with orzo and fragrant with lemon. For a heartier meal, stir in shredded cooked chicken breast just before serving.

- 4 cups low sodium chicken broth 1/4 cup orzo
 - 1 large egg plus 2 large egg yolks Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon. plus more zest for garnish

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Toast, for serving

- 1. Bring broth to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add orzo and boil until al dente, 6 to
- 2. While orzo cooks, whisk together egg, egg yolks, and lemon zest and juice in a bowl until foamy and pale yellow. When orzo is ready, pour 1/2 cup of hot stock into egg mixture in a slow, steady stream, whisking constantly.
- 3. Lower heat to medium-low and slowly pour egg-soup mixture back into



saucepan, whisking constantly.

- 4. Simmer gently, stirring frequently, until thick enough to coat the back of a wooden spoon, 8 to 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.
- 5. Serve immediately with toast; garnish with lemon zest and black pepper.

Croque Madame

MAKES 4 sandwiches WORKING TIME 40 minutes TOTAL TIME 40 minutes

Layers of egg, buttered toast, ham, Gruyère, and Mornay sauce (béchamel with cheese melted in) make this sandwich the ultimate indulgence.

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1¹/₄ cups whole milk
 - 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 6 tablespoons grated Parmesan
- ²/₃ plus ¹/₂ cup shredded Gruyère, divided
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 6 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
 - 8 slices French bread, lightly toasted

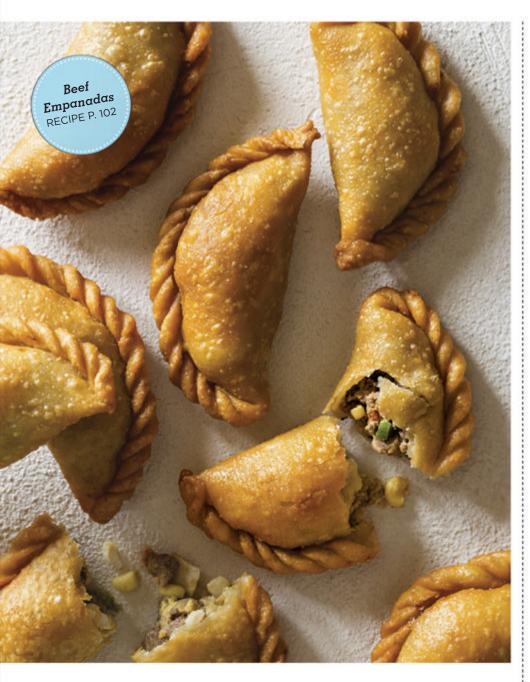
- 3/4 pound thinly sliced smoked ham
 - 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 4 large eggs
- 1. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour and cook, whisking constantly, 2 to 3 minutes to cook off raw flour taste. Pour in milk in a slow, steady stream, whisking constantly. Continue to cook, stirring until mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a wooden spoon, 4 to 5 minutes.
- 2. Whisk in dry mustard, ginger, Parmesan, and 2/3 cup of Gruyère and continue to cook, whisking, until cheeses melt and sauce is smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.
- 3. Preheat broiler. Spread whole-grain mustard onto one side of four toast slices, dividing evenly. Top with ham and remaining 1/2 cup Gruyère, dividing evenly. Top with remaining four toast slices.
- 4. Transfer sandwiches to a baking sheet and top with Mornay sauce, dividing evenly. Broil until sauce is hot and bubbling, 4 to 5 minutes.
- 5. While sandwiches cook, heat butter in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Crack two eggs into separate small bowls then transfer, one at a time, to skillet and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Using a spatula, turn eggs, and cook 30 seconds for over-easy, 1 minute for overmedium, or 2 minutes for over-hard. Using a spatula, turn eggs and cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute more. Remove to a plate. Season with salt and pepper. Repeat with remaining two eggs.
- 6. Top sandwiches with eggs. Serve immediately.

Salad Lyonnaise

MAKES 4 servings WORKING TIME 20 minutes TOTAL TIME 45 minutes

- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons minced shallot
- 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
- 2 teaspoons mild honey
- 2 oil-packed anchovy fillets, minced (optional)
- 1/2 cup plus 1/2 teaspoon olive oil Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 pound pancetta, chopped
- 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- 4 large eggs





1 head chicory or frisée, core removed and roughly chopped Grated lemon zest, for garnish

- 1. Combine garlic, shallot, mustard, honey, and anchovies, if desired, in a bowl. Add 1/2 cup of oil in a slow, steady stream, whisking constantly. Season with salt and pepper.
- 2. Heat remaining 1/2 teaspoon oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add pancetta and cook, stirring occasionally, until fat has rendered and pancetta is crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, remove to a paper towel-lined plate to drain.
- 3. While pancetta cooks, bring 4 inches

of water to a boil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Add vinegar. Crack 1 egg into a small bowl. Using a whisk or wooden spoon, stir water briskly in one direction, creating a small whirlpool in the center. Slide egg into the center of whirlpool, cover pan, and immediately transfer to a cool surface. Let stand 4 minutes for a very runny yolk or 6 minutes for a firmer, creamy yolk. Using a slotted spoon, retrieve egg, blot bottom on a paper towel, and slide onto a plate. Season with salt and black pepper. Repeat with remaining eggs.

4. Toss together chicory and vinaigrette. Divide greens among four plates and top

DECODING EGG CARTONS

Eggs are so commonplace that you might just grab a dozen at the supermarket without thinking too much about what's inside. Here is a quick primer on what the different labeling means.

CAGE-FREE: Eggs laid by chickens that are uncaged. Typically, cage-free chickens can only roam indoors, such as in a barn, and the quarters are often crowded.

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each with pancetta and poached eggs, dividing evenly. Season with salt and pepper and garnish with lemon zest.

Beef Empanadas

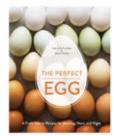
MAKES 12 empanadas WORKING TIME 1 hour, 20 minutes TOTAL TIME 3 hours, 10 minutes

You can make the empanadas; freeze them, well wrapped, for up to 2 months; and then fry them (without defrosting) when you're hungry.

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled, plus more for work surface Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
 - 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
 - 5 large eggs, divided
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 poblano chile, seeded and diced
- 1/3 cup fresh corn kernels
- 1/4 yellow onion, diced
 - 1 plum tomato, seeded and diced
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 11/2 teaspoons tomato paste
 - 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon minced fresh oregano
 - 20 Castelvetrano or other brine-cured green olives, pitted and chopped Canola oil, for deep-frying
- 1. Whisk together flour and 1½ teaspoons salt in a bowl. Cut butter into flour mixture with two forks or a pastry blender until mixture is fine and grainy. Whisk together vinegar, one egg, and ½ cup ice water in a bowl. Pour egg mixture into flour mixture and stir with a wooden spoon until dough comes together in a rough mass.
- 2. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured

surface and knead until smooth, taking care not to handle it excessively so pastry remains tender. Form dough into a thick disk, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 1 hour or up to 2 days.

- **3.** Bring 3 inches of water to a boil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Using a slotted spoon, gently lower three eggs, one at a time, into pan. Return to a slow boil and cook for 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to an ice bath to cool. Peel and chop eggs.
- **4.** Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chile, corn, onion, tomato, and garlic and sauté, until fragrant, 2 to 4 minutes. Add beef and sauté, breaking it up with a wooden spoon and stirring until browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in tomato paste and oregano. Season with salt and pepper. Lower heat to medium-low and stir in olives and chopped hard boiled eggs. Cool for 30 minutes.
- **5.** Unwrap dough and place it on a lightly floured surface; allow to rest for 15 minutes. Roll dough to ½ inch thick. Using a 5- to 6-inch round cutter, cut out as many rounds as possible. Set rounds aside, gather dough scraps, and reroll to ½ inch thick. Cut remaining rounds from dough.
- **6.** Whisk together remaining egg and 2 tablespoons water in a bowl. Brush edge of a dough round with egg wash. Place 1/4 to 1/3 cup of filling in center of round. Fold dough over filling to make a halfmoon and crimp edges together tightly with a fork to seal securely. Repeat with remaining dough rounds and filling.
- **7.** Heat 3 inches of canola oil in a medium saucepan to 350°F.
- **8.** Gently lower 3 or 4 empanadas into hot oil and fry until golden brown, 4 to 6 minutes. Remove to a paper towellined plate to drain.
- 9. Serve hot.



Crack Open This Cookbook!

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